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J. Marc Wheat is the Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, & Human Resources, chaired by Congressman Mark Souder (R-IN). The Subcommittee brings much of its focus on narcotics (eradication, interdiction, prosecution, and treatment), the President's Faith Based Initiative, and bioethics.

In 2003, Wheat was a Bush appointee as the Senior Advisor for Senate Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. His responsibilities were focused on enacting the Department's priorities for reconstructing Afghanistan and Iraq through the \$16 billion Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

Wheat was Counsel to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. As a member of the Committee's health team, Wheat worked in all areas of the Committee's health jurisdiction. His areas of responsibility included public health, Medicare, medical confidentiality, organ transplantation, biotechnology, bioterrorism, National Institutes of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wheat is the former Director of Tax and Budget Policy for Citizens for a Sound Economy, a nationwide non-partisan organization whose 250,000 members and supporters work for greater economic freedom and opportunity. While at CSE, he founded and chaired the Porkbusters Coalition, a coalition of public interest organizations and 18 members of the House and Senate dedicated to the elimination of wasteful pork-barrel spending.

Earlier in his career, Wheat worked for Congressman Dennis Hastert (R-IL) for three years. As the congressman's Senior Legislative Assistant, Wheat led Congressman Hastert's drive to repeal the Social Security earnings limit and handled Congressman Hastert's tax and budget policy work.

Wheat is serving a three-year term as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Board of Medical Assistance Services, which oversees the state Medicaid program; First Vice President of the Memorial Foundation of Germanna Colonies; and Chairman of Oakseed Ministries.

Wheat received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1987, and his Juris Doctor in the Corporate and Securities Specialty Track at George Mason University.

A member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia, Wheat has been listed in The Almanac of the Unelected, Who's Who in America (57th edition), and Who's Who in the World. He is married to Marie G. Wheat, Chief of Staff/Chief Operating Officer

and White House Liaison at the Peace Corps. The Wheats raise their son in Arlington, Virginia.